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8 February 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Houston

SUBJECT: Building - County Contributions to Funds for  
Purchase of Parkway Right-of-way.

1. In a memorandum of 8 December 1955, relating a conversation with Carleton Massey, County Executive of Fairfax County, I mentioned that the County had recently set aside an additional \$50,000 for passage to the NCPC as a partial contribution to the County's share in acquiring right-of-way for that section of the Parkway from the Arlington line to the Leiter Estate. The original estimate of the County's share had been \$112,000 and \$60,000 had previously been passed to the NCPC. Upon receiving the foregoing information, I related it to Mr. Cheatham, then General Counsel of the NCPC. In conversation with Mr. Cheatham this morning, he advised me that this \$50,000 had not as yet been accepted by the NCPC. Until it is accepted, the County may, of course, withdraw it. This contribution from the County is important because of the provisions of statute which require that the concerned County bear 25% of the cost of acquiring the right-of-way for the Parkway.

2. You may recall that earlier Mr. Cheatham advised me, and I believe he passed this information on to you, that a new appraisal was being conducted to determine the present value of the property desired for the right-of-way. It is expected that the value of the property may have risen as much as 100% since the earlier appraisal was made. If this proves to be the case, the County will have to increase its present contribution.

3. I don't know what we can do to expedite this except to mention it at some proper time to both the NCPC and the County. However, I wanted to bring it to your attention because it is a very minor matter which, nevertheless, could delay Parkway construction.

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